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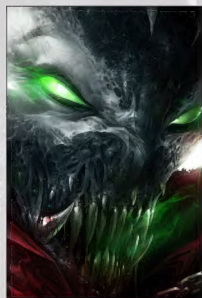
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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Spawn explains to Marc that his powers have evolved, and he is able to bring creatures to life with the touch of a finger and then kill them again in an instant. He realizes much like the first Spawn who controlled the Dammed, he can control the dead. He continues, telling Marc, he needs Jim Downing to break the link between his symbiote and the curse that holds him to Hell. Knowing the way social media is, Spawn gives Marc files and photos he wants to go viral. Marc gives them to his editor and within hours, they are all over news, internet and social media.

Meanwhile, Spawn hunts down Bludd, who knows where Jim is being held and forces him to divulge all the information. Spawn finally visits Jim and uses his newfound powers to jolt him out of his coma.

THE INITIAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THE WAR SPAWN HAS BEGUN ARE TAKING ROOT. BECAUSE IF YOU *EVER* HOPE TO WEAKEN YOUR ENEMY, YOU MUST STRIKE AT THE SOURCE OF THEIR *GREATEST* POWER.

FOR SPAWN'S ENEMIES, THOUGH BORN IN HEAVEN OR HELL, THEY'RE MOSTLY HIDING THEIR IDENTITIES FROM THE WORLD AS THEY DISGUISE THEMSELVES IN 'HUMAN' FORM INSTEAD. AND THEY'VE USED TWO TOOLS IN A WAY THE REST OF US WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIELD: LATENT ABILITIES AND *TIME*.

IT'S THE SECOND PART THAT'S GIVEN THESE DEMON AND ANGELIC WARRIORS THEIR EDGE. BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE CONSTRAINTS OF AGING... A FORCE THAT PUSHES MAN INTO MAKING DECISIONS WHILE THEY'RE STILL PHYSICALLY VIBRANT.

NO. THESE CREATURES INSTEAD TOOK THEIR TIME OVER SEVERAL CENTURIES, SLOWLY BUILDING WEALTH AND PRESTIGE, ULTIMATELY GROWING THEIR POWER OVER MEN IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. FOR GREED IS THE GREATEST OF MAN'S SINS AND THAT SIN IS EASILY EXPLOITED BY THE ONE GREAT POWER THAT CLAIMS US ALL... *MONEY!*

AND WITHOUT MONEY THEY HAVE *NO FUEL* TO FEED MAN'S GREED.

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AND SO FOR DAYS, THE NEGATIVE SIGNS HAVE BEEN BUILDING... CULMINATING IN TODAY'S COMPLETE MELTDOWN IN THE GLOBAL STOCK MARKETS. YET IN ALL THIS FINANCIAL CARNAGE, CERTAIN COMPANIES ARE FEELING ITS IMPACT MORE THAN OTHERS.

FAR MORE!

OUR SIDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO FIND BENEFICIAL WAYS FOR US TO MUTUALLY ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.

GOD HERSELF HAS REACHED OUT MANY TIMES TO FIND COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS IN TIME OF NEED. IT'S YOUR SIDE THAT IGNORED US.

I'D HAVE DONE THINGS DIFFERENTLY, BUT AS YOU KNOW, I HAD NO AUTHORITY THEN.

SIR, YOUR ELEVEN O'CLOCK APPOINTMENT IS HERE.

SHOW HER IN. AND CANCEL THE REST OF MY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY.

AS YOU WISH, SIR.

THIS WAY MA'AM.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D SHOW. GUESS IT PROVES HOW BAD THINGS ARE GETTING.



THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. I'M HOPING THINGS CAN BE DIFFERENT.

IT WILL BE. YOU HAVE MY WORD.

SO... LET'S FIRST DEAL WITH THE MATTER AT HAND. I'M SURE, GABRIELLE, YOUR SHAREHOLDERS ARE AS PANICKED TODAY AS MINE. BECAUSE BESIDES LOSING A QUARTER TRILLION DOLLARS IN VALUE THIS WEEK, MY COMPANIES ARE ALSO FEELING THE STING OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH MULTIPLE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS AND HUGE EMPLOYEE LAYOFFS.

AND IT ALL CORRESPONDS WITH OUR SPAWN MAKING HIMSELF **WAY, WAY** TOO PUBLIC THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING RATHER QUICKLY, BOTH OF US WILL GET **EXPOSED** IN THE PROCESS.

WELL, LET ME PASS ALONG A MESSAGE THEN--HE'S **YOUR PROBLEM** NOT OURS. YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING YOUR SPAWNS. EVERY ONE OF THEM. BUT YOU MANAGED TO REIGN THEM ALL IN, EVERY TIME. BUT NOT THIS ONE... SOMEHOW, THIS ONE IS DIFFERENT.

YOUR SIDE HAS JUST BEEN BLIND TO THAT FACT. NOW LOOK WHAT IT'S GOTTEN US! GOD DOESN'T LIKE BEING DRAGGED INTO MESSSES SHE DIDN'T CREATE. SO, YOU WANT OUR HELP? THEN CLEAN UP YOUR MESS FIRST!

BUT IF YOU COULD, YOU WOULD HAVE DONE IT BY NOW. SO, I'M GUESSING YOU CAN'T, WHICH IS WHY YOU SUMMONED ME HERE. BECAUSE THOUGH YOU'RE IN CHARGE NOW, YOU'RE NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO STOP HIM YOURSELF.

ARE YOU?!



no.





IN TIME,
I'LL TAKE CARE
OF THIS MYSELF. BUT
FOR NOW, I DO
NEED YOUR
HELP.

AND WITH
NEWS AGENCIES
AND THE PUBLIC
ASKING THE RIGHT
QUESTIONS, FOR THE
FIRST TIME, BOTH
OUR EMPIRES ARE
AT RISK.

SO, GIVE
ME YOUR
TERMS AND
I'LL MEET
THEM.

WHY?

WHY IS
YOUR SPAWN
DOING THIS
NOW?

HE'S BEEN
HERE ON EARTH
FOR YEARS. WE EVEN
DID A FACE-TO-FACE
ANALYSIS OF HIM THAT
GOD ATTENDED. SHE
KNEW RIGHT THEN HE
WASN'T GOING TO
PLAY BY THE
RULES.*

SOMETHING
MUST HAVE
TRIGGERED
HIM.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS
WE SURVIVE. THAT'S IT.
EVERYTHING ELSE IS JUST
A DISTRACTION. AND
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE BEING
ASSAULTED ON TWO FRONTS.
I'LL HANDLE THE FINANCIAL
END OF THINGS. YOUR
ASSISTANCE ON THE
BATTLEFIELD WOULD
BE MUCH
APPRECIATED.

*Way back in issue 32--Todd

AS
TO WHAT
TRIGGERED
HIM? PERHAPS I
MAY HAVE PLAYED
A *TINY* PART IN
WHY HE'S SO
MAD.

RECENT EVENTS SEEN ON TV AND THE INTERNET HAVE EMBOLDENED THE PUBLIC TO PUSH THEIR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO GIVE THEM ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS. TRUTHFUL ANSWERS.

THE PUBLIC'S HAD ENOUGH.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE REACTION SPAWN WAS HOPING FOR WHEN HE STARTED HIS MULTI-PRONGED ATTACK. **FIRST:** LET THE PUBLIC KNOW YOU EXIST.

SECOND: MAKE THAT EXISTENCE UNBEARABLE FOR YOUR ENEMIES WHO'VE MANIPULATED HUMANITY FOR FAR TOO LONG.

THIRD: MAKE EVERYONE SUFFERS FINANCIALLY, EVEN THE INNOCENT, SO WHEN THOSE SAME ENEMIES LIE AGAIN, THE EMOTIONS WILL BE AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE.



AND **FOURTH:** GIVE THEM ONE LAST SURPRISE!

HEY! DUDE!



THAT'S MY CAR. DO YOU MIND...
SHIT.

SO, IT'S TRUE. YOU ARE THE ONE BEHIND ALL THIS.

GET IN THE CAR, DAVID.



BEEN SEEING YOU ON ALL OVER THE PLACE, SIMMONS. EVERYONE HAS. YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT HOW WE PLAY THIS GAME. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THIS TO OURSELVES. AWAY FROM THE HUMANS.

I KNOW.

THEN WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

BECAUSE I CAN. AND BECAUSE IT MAKES GUYS LIKE YOU NERVOUS. I LIKE WHEN YOU'RE NERVOUS.

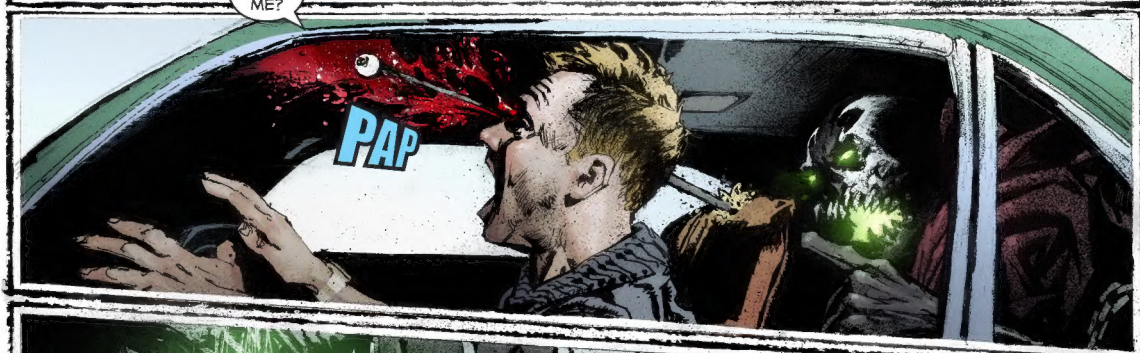




MAKES
MY JOB
THAT MUCH
EASIER.

NOW,
HERE'S THE
SIMPLE QUESTION,
"WHO KILLED
MY WIFE?"

DON'T
ASK
ME?



I AM
ASKING YOU,
DAVID.



YOU CRAZY
F*CK! WHAT'RE YOU
DOING?! I HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH IT! I WASN'T
PART OF THEIR PLAN.
I'M A NOBODY. YOU
KNOW THAT.

PLAN?



WHAT
PLAN,
DAVID?

JESUS,
F*CK! I WASN'T
ON THE TEAM!
YOU HEAR? THEY
DO THEIR OWN
SHIT WHENEVER
THEY WANT.

JUST A
FEW MORE
QUESTIONS,
DAVID.

SPLAT



ONCE SPAWN HAS HIS
ANSWERS THE MEETING
QUICKLY ENDS.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR AL TO HAVE A LITTLE 'CHAT' WITH ONE OF DAVID'S PARTNERS. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT REUNION WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER DAY.



BOOM

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE MORE PRESSING.



THE HEART OF THE BLAST COMES DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE THOUSANDS OF PROTESTORS. BUT, WHATEVER CAUSED IT, 'MIRACULOUSLY' SPARED ANYONE FROM BEING INJURED, AND FOR MANY, WHO NOW FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES, WILL ALWAYS CONSIDER THEIR ESCAPE AND SAFETY...





...AS A
GODSEND!
SOME DIVINE INTERVENTION SENT
FROM THE HEAVENS WHO HELPED
PROTECT THEM!



UNMOVING, THE WINGED WARRIOR WAITS FOR AL SIMMONS TO COME TO HIM, WITH THE GOAL OF DRAWING OUT THE 'INNER' SPAWN IN HIM.



ARE YOU, SIMMONS?

I AM.
I NEED YOU TO MORPH.

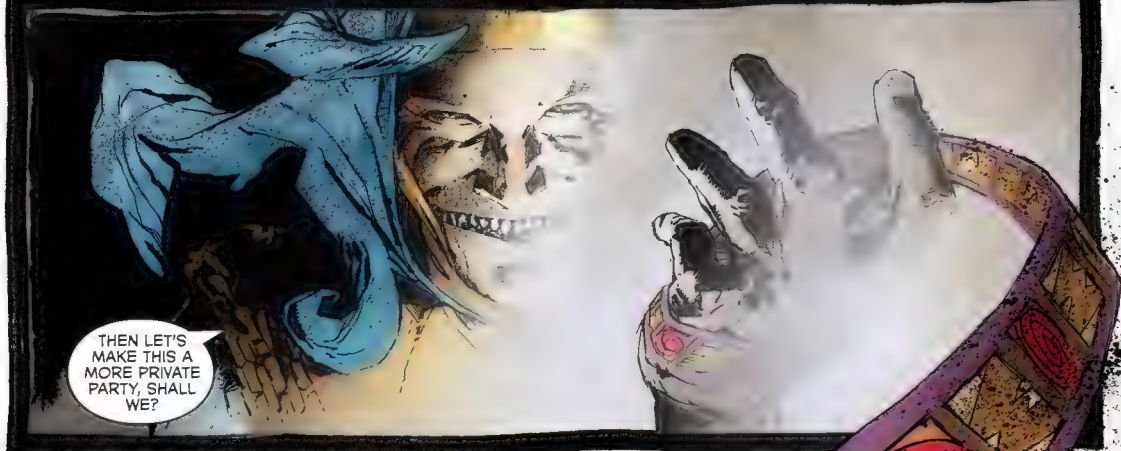
I NEED YOU TO GO F*CK YOURSELF.

what's he doing?

who is that man?

WHAT IS IT, THE CROWD?
IS THAT IT? DON'T WANT TO BLOW YOU COVER?

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clikclik
clikclik
clikclik



THEN LET'S MAKE THIS A MORE PRIVATE PARTY, SHALL WE?



THE TWO MEN HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM PRYING EYES AND NOTHING THE HUMANS DO ON THE OUTSIDE WILL EVEN SCRATCH IT.

EMERGENCY CREWS AND POLICE WILL SOON FIND THEIR ONLY FUNCTION WILL BE TO MANAGE THE CROWDS.





SO...
IT'S TIME WE
MAKE A FEW
CHOICES, AND
SOME SHOULD
BE FAIRLY
SIMPLE.

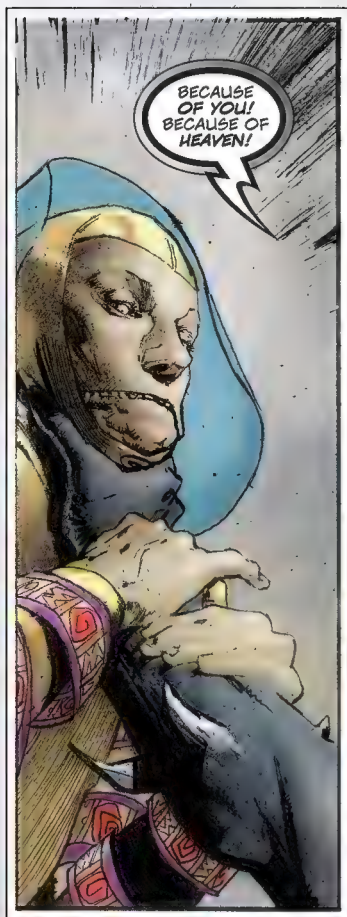
YOU CAN EITHER
FIGHT HEAVEN. FIGHT
HELL. OR TAKE US **BOTH**
ON. YOU WON'T SURVIVE THE
LATTER, THAT'S FOR SURE.
BUT WHAT IF YOU CHOSE
TO FIGHT THE SAME
ENEMIES WE HAVE?

THINK ABOUT
IT. YOU HELP US
DESTROY HELL, THEN
YOU'LL ONLY HAVE ONE
ENEMY LEFT. THAT'S US.
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER
TAKE US ON WHEN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT HELL
STABBING YOU IN
THE BACK?

WE HAVE THE
SAME GOALS YOU
AND I--THE ELIMINATION
OF HELL. SAY THAT
BACK TO YOURSELF, "NO
MORE HELL." ISN'T THAT
WHAT YOU'VE BEEN
FIGHTING FOR ALL
THESE YEARS?

WELL,
HERE'S YOUR
CHANCE. JOIN
US AND LET US
HELP YOU
WITH THAT.

DO YOU
KNOW WHY
THEY'RE HERE?
WHY HELL CAME
TO EARTH IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?



WE GIVE
THEM HOPE.
FAITH. WHAT'RE
YOU GOING
TO OFFER
THEM?

SHATK

FREEDOM!
I'LL GIVE THEM THEIR
FREEDOM BACK!

THEN
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING
TO TELL THEM
THEIR PITIFUL
LIVES REALLY
DON'T MATTER?
I WANT TO SEE
YOU SELL
THEM THAT
ONE.

THEY'RE
CREATURES OF
EMOTION.

THAM



AND WE
PLAY ON THAT
WEAKNESS EVERY
DAY... ESPECIALLY
SUNDAYS!

BUT TODAY,
YOU'RE MY FOCUS!
NOT THEM. SO, YOU
EITHER HELP FIGHT HELL
OR I UNLEASH THE REST
OF US LOCKED HERE
ON EARTH.

AND WE
NUMBER IN THE
HUNDREDS!

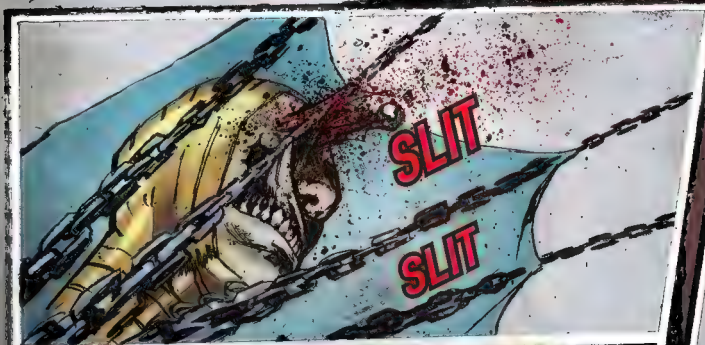
KANG



THOOM

THEN YOU'D
BETTER KILL ME
NOW BEFORE I
HUNT YOU ALL
DOWN.

DON'T
WORRY, WE
HAVE OUR PLANS
FOR YOU. I JUST
NEED TO SOFTEN
YOU UP A LITTLE
BEFORE...



SLIT
SLIT

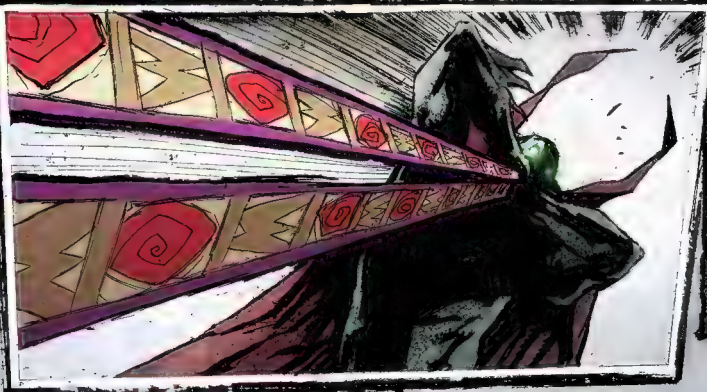


IS THAT IT,
HELLSPAWN?
IS THAT YOUR
BEST?

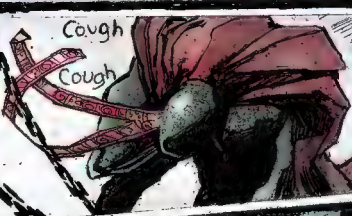
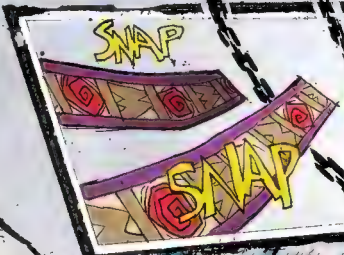


WITH THE FULL FURY OF HIS ANGELIC POWER, THIS VILLAIN MATCHES SPAIN BLOW-FOR-BLOW

THEN DOES SOMETHING NO OTHER ADVERSARY HAS DONE BEFORE: IT TOO, CONTROLS ITS COSTUME!



UNTIL THIS BATTLE DIGRESSES INTO A BATTLE OF SYMBIOTE VERSUS SYMBIOTE

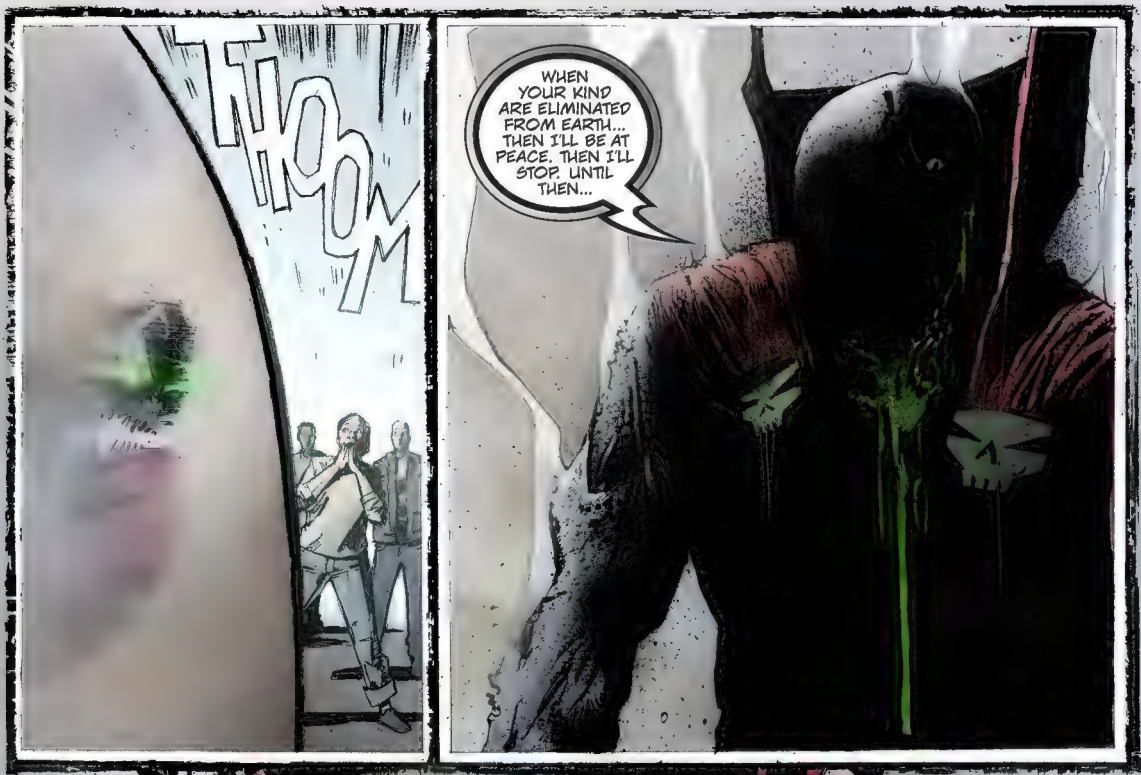


AND BOTH THESE CREATURE'S COSTUMES ARE FILLED WITH UTTER

RAGE!

DEVIL!

STOP AND REpent YOUR SINS!



WHEN
YOUR KIND
ARE ELIMINATED
FROM EARTH...
THEN I'LL BE AT
PEACE. THEN I'LL
STOP. UNTIL
THEN...



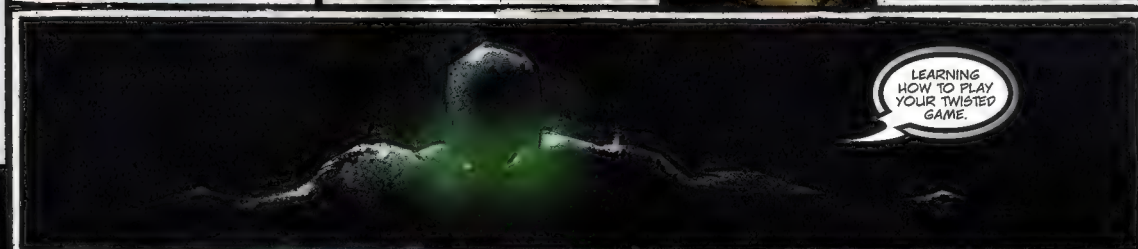
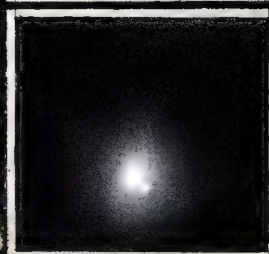
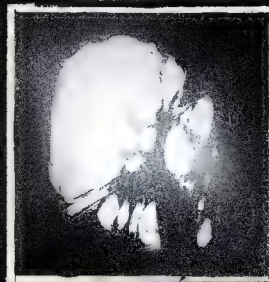
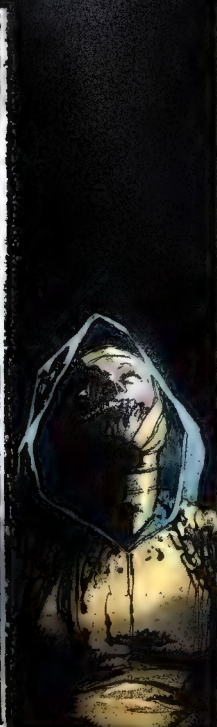
YOU'RE
ALL MAKING
THE SAME
MISTAKE.



YOU
THINK I
LEFT FOR
AWHILE
BECAUSE I
WAS SCARED.
YOU WERE
WRONG.



I WAS
LEARNING.



LEARNING
HOW TO PLAY
YOUR TWISTED
GAME.



AND
I NOW
UNDERSTAND
ALL THE
RULES.



WE'LL
SEE.



THE ANGEL'S BLAST IS
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO
LEVEL TWO SQUARE
BLOCKS. BUT WILL
HAVE ZERO EFFECT
ON THIS TARGET.

A close-up of Spawn's face as he transforms. He has a skeletal appearance with glowing green eyes. His dark, tattered wings are visible behind him.

INSTEAD SPAWN TURNS INTO HIS OWN 'BLACK ANGEL' GROWING WINGS THAT NOW ENCASE THE DOME'S ENTIRE INSIDE

HOW?

A wide shot showing Spawn with his massive, dark red wings spread wide, completely encasing the dome structure. Several figures are seen running away from the base of the wings.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

YOU'VE PREYED ON US LONG ENOUGH. BUT NOW, HUMANITY IS ABOUT TO PUSH BACK. HARD!

AND TO YOUR QUESTION OF 'HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?'

A close-up of Spawn's face, now with glowing green eyes. He is wearing a crown-like headpiece and is bound by thick metal chains. His wings are visible in the background.

I DON'T OWE YOU **ANY DAMN ANSWERS!**

HIS CAPE CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND THE ANGEL KNOWS HE HAS ONLY SECONDS TO LIVE



CRAK



CRAK



YOU'RE INSANE!

I KNOW.

THERE'S MORE OF US! I'M NOT ALONE!

I KNOW.

BOOM!





AND NOW IS THE TIME FOR SPAWN
TO UNVEIL THE LAST STEP OF HIS PLAN.
THE FOURTH STEP, THE ONE THAT SAYS
"GIVE THEM ONE LAST SURPRISE!"

SO HE TURNS TO THE CROWD
AND SPEAKS THE WORDS NO ONE
EVER THOUGHT THEY'D HEAR

MY
NAME IS AL
SIMMONS.

I'M
HERE TO
SAVE YOUR
SOULS.

SPAWNING GROUND

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Hello! Happy New Year to everyone!

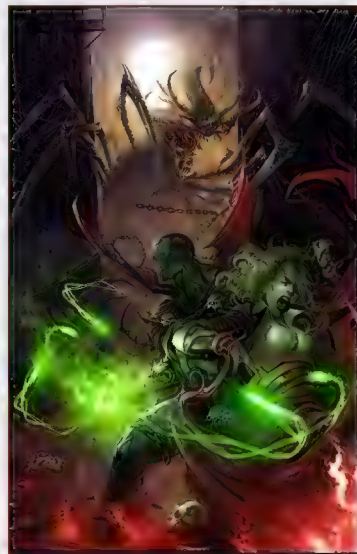
2019 is THE YEAR OF SPAWN! This year, Spawn will hit the BIGGEST milestone since issue #1. Todd set a goal when he started Spawn, to not only hit issue 300, which would tie the record for the longest running independent comic book in North America, BUT he plans to break the record at 301! As of this issue (issue 293), Todd is SEVEN issues away from tying the record and EIGHT from breaking it.

We have a lot of awesome things planned for this year from new Spawn publications to special art and even a few giveaways!

If you aren't following Todd on social media, do it! He'll be sharing all the details of upcoming events, comics and history of Spawn leading up to 300 and 301.

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to all the Spawn excitement happening this year.

Cheers,
Shannon Bailey
Publishing Coordinator



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